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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the 20th December 1956.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Export of onions and chillies by the co-operative societies

* 114 *Q.*—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased—

(i) to state the quota allotted to co-operative societies for export of onions and chillies respectively for the half-years commencing from 1st April 1954 up to date; and

(ii) to place on the table of the House a list showing—

(*a*) the names of co-operative societies to which quotas have been recommended by the Government;

(*b*) whether the recommendations made by the Government are based upon any rules framed for that purpose;

(*c*) if so, the basis on which recommendations in regard to particular co-operative societies are made;

(*d*) whether any co-operative societies have been recommended for the grant of the licence in spite of a charge against the societies of having misused the licence granted to them; and

(*e*) whether any representations were made to the Government that co-operative societies should not be recommended for export quotas of onions and chillies and if so, the action taken on such representations?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (i) & (ii) (*a*) A statement* showing the allotment of quotas of onions and chillies to the co-operatives commencing from the half-year January 1954 and the quantity exported by them towards such allotments is placed on the toble of the House. As the allotments were made for the half-years from January to June and July to December, figures have been furnished for such half-years. There was no allotment of chillies for the half-year January to June 1954.

(*b*) & (*c*) The co-operative marketing societies in whose areas of operation there was a large surplus of the commodities produced by their members, were recommended for allotment of quota. A few co-operative stores were also recommended for

* Printed as Appendix I on pages 176-181 infra.

allotment of quota last year on the condition that they should procure the commodity from the members of the agricultural credit societies or marketing societies. The apportionment of the allotment given to co-operatives was made in proportion to the quantity of the produce offered for export.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) In August 1955, representations were made by certain merchants against co-operatives in the matter of export of chillies. The Government considered that the charges were levelled against the co-operatives without citing specific instances to prove their allegations. Certain allegations were made against the Salem Co-operative Marketing Society in the matter of export of onions and chillies during 1955. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is taking departmental action against the officials of the Co-operative Department and the office-bearers of the society for the irregularities committed in the export transactions.

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any principle as to the actual sales conducted by co-operative societies in the commodity concerned has been taken into consideration in allotting particular quotas to particular societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : May I know whether the Government are aware that as a result of giving large quotas for export outside of chillies and onions, the prices of these commodities have risen considerably since last year?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot admit that. The Government do take into account the prevailing prices of commodities when they order the export of particular commodities.

Training centre for sculptors

* 115 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to start a training centre for sculptors in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned a scheme for the establishment of a training centre for sculpture at Mahabalipuram.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இந்தப் பள்ளிக்கு தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ள ஆசிரியர்கள் நியமிக்கப்படுவார்களா ? அல்லது வேறு எங்கிருந்தாவது தருவிக்கப்படுவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : தமிழ்நாடுதான் இந்தக் கல் வேலைக்குப் பெயர் பெற்றது. அப்படியிருக்க, வேறு எந்த நாட்டு ஆசிரியர்களையும் தேடவேண்டிய அவசியம் எப்படி ஏற்படும் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் அச்சப்படுகிறார்கள் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை.